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Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 9 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 38th and 40th meetings, on 18 and 24 December 2001. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/56/SR.38 and 40).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/56/674) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/694).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.30

4. At its 40th meeting, on 24 December, following informal consultations, the Chairman introduced a draft resolution entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001" (A/C.5/56/L.30), which had been coordinated by the representative of Argentina on his behalf.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.30 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001

A

Final budget appropriations for the biennium 2000-2001

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep Member States informed of regular budget expenditures on a quarterly basis;

3. *Decides*, in the light of the critical financial situation of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, to retain in the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001, 650,000 dollars of the original 800,000 dollar provision made pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/219 of 23 December 2000, and requests the Secretary-General to disburse the provision in December 2001 as a subvention to be credited to the Trust Fund for the Institute, so as to ensure the continuation of its operations in 2002;

4. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2000-2001, the amount of 2,533,125,400 United States dollars appropriated under its resolution 55/239 A of 23 December 2000 shall be augmented by a commitment authority of 28,452,600 dollars, as follows:

[1] A/56/674.

[2] A/56/694.

Section		Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/239 A	Provisional increase/ decrease	Revised appropriation and commitment authority
		(United States dollars)		
Part I	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination			
1.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	48 013 100	(2 543 300)	45 469 800
2.	General Assembly affairs and conference services	409 024 100	36 844 600	445 868 700
	Total, part I	**457 037 200**	**34 301 300**	**491 338 500**
Part II.	Political affairs			
3.	Political affairs	167 844 700	(6 095 700)	161 749 000
4.	Disarmament	13 820 900	345 000	14 165 900
5.	Peacekeeping operations	74 884 000	(4 067 600)	70 816 400
6.	Peaceful uses of outer space	3 313 500	136 400	3 449 900
	Total, part II	**259 863 100**	**(9 681 900)**	**250 181 200**
Part III.	International justice and law			
7.	International Court of Justice	20 606 700	1 642 000	22 248 700
8.	Legal affairs	33 880 600	(343 200)	33 537 400
	Total, part III	**54 487 300**	**1 298 800**	**55 786 100**
Part IV.	International cooperation for development			
9.	Economic and social affairs	112 431 800	1 718 600	114 150 400
10.	Africa: New Agenda for Development	5 859 800	(641 200)	5 218 600
11A.	Trade and development	81 373 600	1 126 200	82 499 800
11B.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	17 009 800	247 000	17 256 800
12.	Environment	8 100 900	495 900	8 596 800
13.	Human settlements	12 297 300	2 607 900	14 905 200
14.	Crime prevention and criminal justice	4 821 300	3 900	4 825 200
15.	International drug control	13 718 200	309 500	14 027 700
	Total, part IV	**255 612 700**	**5 867 800**	**261 480 500**
Part V.	Regional cooperation for development			
16.	Economic and social development in Africa	80 645 000	(9 163 500)	71 481 500
17.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	54 411 200	(511 300)	53 899 900
18.	Economic development in Europe	37 414 600	1 748 500	39 163 100
19.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	75 584 100	1 287 900	76 872 000
20.	Economic and social development in Western Asia	48 581 400	(2 883 200)	45 698 200
21.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	41 254 800	(44 400)	41 210 400
	Total, part V	**337 891 100**	**(9 566 000)**	**328 325 100**
Part VI.	Human rights and humanitarian affairs			
22.	Human rights	39 067 700	(102 400)	38 965 300
23.	Protection of and assistance to refugees	38 838 900	1 546 400	40 385 300
24.	Palestine refugees	23 175 400	1 139 300	24 314 700
25.	Humanitarian assistance	18 447 900	(53 800)	18 394 100
	Total, part VI	**119 529 900**	**2 529 500**	**122 059 400**

Section		Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/239 A	Provisional increase/ decrease	Revised appropriation and commitment authority
		(United States dollars)		
Part VII	Public information			
26	Public information	142 534 500	(1 252 400)	141 282 100
	Total, part VII	**142 534 500**	**(1 252 400)**	**141 282 100**
Part VIII	Common support services			
27	Management and central support services	433 569 100	4 391 900	437 961 000
	A. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	11 380 200	(6 100)	11 374 100
	B. Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	22 209 800	552 700	22 762 500
	C. Office of Human Resources Management	47 977 900	1 188 700	49 166 600
	D. Office of Central Support Services	229 817 700	903 800	230 721 500
	E. Administration, Geneva	84 412 400	485 300	84 897 700
	F. Administration, Vienna	23 553 500	298 400	23 851 900
	G. Administration, Nairobi	14 217 600	969 100	15 186 700
	Total, part VIII	**433 569 100**	**4 391 900**	**437 961 000**
Part IX	Internal oversight			
28	Internal oversight	18 750 700	(493 900)	18 256 800
	Total, part IX	**18 750 700**	**(493 900)**	**18 256 800**
Part X	Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses			
29	Jointly financed administrative activities	8 020 500	(415 400)	7 605 100
30	Special expenses	54 511 700	(1 135 500)	53 376 200
	Total, part X	**62 532 200**	**(1 550 900)**	**60 981 300**
Part XI	Capital expenditures			
31	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	49 767 300	(365 700)	49 401 600
	Total, part XI	**49 767 300**	**(365 700)**	**49 401 600**
Part XII	Staff assessment			
32	Staff assessment	328 485 300	2 974 100	331 459 400
	Total, part XII	**328 485 300**	**2 974 100**	**331 459 400**
Part XIII	Development Account			
33	Development Account	13 065 000	0	13 065 000
	Total, part XIII	**13 065 000**	**0**	**13 065 000**
	Grand total	**2 533 125 400**	**28 452 600**	**2 561 578 000**

5. *Notes* the request of the Secretary-General that the revised appropriation should be increased by 28,452,600 dollars, and decides, keeping in mind the need for precision in determining the required final level of appropriations and assessments, that it will revert to consideration of the final appropriation at its resumed session in March 2002;

6. *Resolves* that:

(a) The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee;

(b) In addition to the commitment authority approved under paragraph 4 above, an amount of 250,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 2000-2001 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

B

Final income estimates for the biennium 2000-2001

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 2000-2001:

(a) The estimates of income of 380,822,700 United States dollars approved under its resolution 55/239 B of 23 December 2000 shall provisionally be decreased by 1,149,200 dollars, as follows:

Income sections	*Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/239 B*	*Provisional increase decrease*	*Provisional income estimate*
	(United States dollars)		
1. Income from staff assessment	333 125 200	1 903 900	335 029 100
Total, income section 1	**333 125 200**	**1 903 900**	**335 029 100**
2. General income	42 728 600	997 100	43 725 700
3. Services to the public	4 968 900	(4 050 200)	918 700
Total, income sections 2 and 3	**47 697 500**	**(3 053 100)**	**44 644 400**
Grand total	**380 822 700**	**(1 149 200)**	**379 673 500**

(b) The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

(c) Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.